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REFERENCE TO: GIANT REACH MISSION

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DAMASCUS DEFENSE LINE SYRIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

IDENTIFICATION OF A DEFENSE LINE

PROTECTING THE SOUTHWESTERN APPROACH

TO DAMASCUS.

2. LOCATION:

THE PORTION OF THE DEFENSE LINE

SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC IS LOCATED AT

33-25N 036-08E. IT IS APPROXIMATELY

9 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF

DAMASCUS ALONG THE DAMASCUS - QNAITRA

ROAD.

3. MISSION READOUT: THE DEFENSE LINE CONSISTED OF AN ANTI-TANK DITCH WITH TANK FIRING RAMPS SPACED APPROXIMATELY 300 TO 500 FEET APART. ROAD BLOCKS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF THE MAJOR ROADS AND THE ANTI-TANK DITCH CONSISTED OF A FORWARD LINE OF ANCHORED STEEL I-BEAMS. LARGE PROBABLE

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	CONCRETE BLOCKS WERE LOCATED BEHIND THE I-BEAMS AT THE INTERSECTIONS.	
	TWENTY-THREE TANKS (ONE ON THE ROAD) WERE LOCATED ON	
	THE DAMASCUS SIDE OF THE DITCH. THREE OCCUPIED AAA SITES	
	(ONE NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC) WERE LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE	
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